

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2007. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 11-15 stand for consideration in this application.

Obviousness Double Patenting Rejection

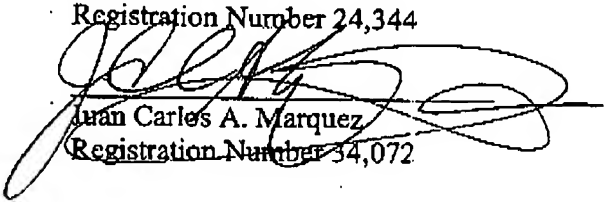
Claims 11-15 were rejected pursuant to the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 5 of U. S. Patent No. 6,862,015. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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